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a controller in communication with said user VSAT interface and in electrical connection with said microwave power amplifier and said microwave low noise amplifier for supplying power thereto, said controller being operative to provide a less-than-full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said user VSAT interface and operative to provide a full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers in the presence of a communication session, said controller being operative to provide the less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers until the presence of the communication session.

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8. (Amended) A VSAT terminal according to claim 1 and wherein said controller is operative to provide a less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said microwave low noise amplifier.

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10. (Twice Amended) A VSAT telecommunication network comprising:  
at least one satellite; and a plurality of VSAT terminals in communication with said satellite, wherein at least one of said VSAT terminals comprises:

- an antenna;
- a microwave power amplifier;
- a microwave low noise amplifier;
- a transmitter coupled via said microwave power amplifier to said antenna;
- a receiver coupled via said microwave low noise amplifier to said antenna;
- a user VSAT interface; and

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a controller in communication with said user VSAT interface and in electrical connection with said microwave power amplifier and said microwave low noise amplifier for supplying power thereto, said controller being operative to provide a less-than-full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said user VSAT interface and operative to provide a full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers in the presence of a communication session, said controller being operative to provide the less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers until the presence of the communication session.

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11. (Twice Amended) A method for managing power consumption in a VSAT terminal having an antenna, a microwave power amplifier, a microwave low noise amplifier, a transmitter coupled via said microwave power amplifier to said antenna, a receiver coupled to said microwave low noise amplifier to said antenna, a user VSAT interface, and a controller in communication with said user VSAT interface, said microwave low noise amplifier, and said microwave power amplifier, the method comprising:

providing a less-than-full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said user VSAT interface; and

providing a full of electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers in the presence of a communication session, wherein

said providing of the less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers comprises providing said less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers until the presence of the communication session.

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16. (Amended) A method according to claim 11 and wherein said providing a less-than-full electrical power supply step comprises providing a less-than-full power supply to said one of said amplifiers after the predetermined period of inactivity of said microwave low noise amplifier.

17. (Amended) A VSAT terminal comprising:

an antenna;

a microwave power amplifier;

a microwave low noise amplifier;

a transmitter coupled via said microwave power amplifier to said antenna;

a receiver coupled via said microwave low noise amplifier to said antenna;

a user VSAT interface; and

a controller in communication with said user VSAT interface and in electrical connection with said microwave power amplifier and said microwave low noise amplifier for supplying

power thereto, said controller being operative to provide a less-than-full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said microwave low noise amplifier and operative to provide a full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers in the presence of a communication session, said controller being operative to provide the less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers until the presence of the communication session.

18. (Amended) A VSAT telecommunication network comprising:

at least one satellite; and

a plurality of VSAT terminals in communication with said satellite, wherein at least one of said VSAT terminals comprises:

an antenna;

a microwave power amplifier;

a microwave low noise amplifier;

a transmitter coupled via said microwave power amplifier to said antenna;

a receiver coupled via said microwave low noise amplifier to said antenna;

a user VSAT interface; and

a controller in communication with said user VSAT interface and in electrical connection with said microwave power amplifier and said microwave low noise amplifier for supplying power thereto, said controller being operative to provide a less-than-full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said microwave low noise amplifier and operative to provide a full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers in the presence of a communication session, said controller being operative to provide the less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers until the presence of the communication session.

19. (Amended) A method for managing power consumption in a VSAT terminal having an antenna, a microwave power amplifier, a microwave low noise amplifier, a transmitter coupled via said microwave power amplifier to said antenna, a receiver coupled via said microwave low

noise amplifier to said antenna, a user VSAT interface, and a controller in communication with said user VSAT interface, said microwave low noise amplifier, and said microwave power amplifier, the method comprising:

providing a less-than-full electrical power supply to one of said amplifiers after a predetermined period of inactivity of said microwave low noise amplifier; and

providing a full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers in the presence of the communication session, wherein

said providing of the less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers comprises providing said less-than-full electrical power supply to said one of said amplifiers until the presence of the communication session.